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The Canadian Japanese sociation has just released e results of a Dominion-de census of the Japanese pulation. Originally initi-ed to determine the actual ts concerning the number of panese in Canada, the figures closed in a 21 page, mimeo-aphed brochure revent a situa-n exactly opposite to the wild ries circulated during the past ar.

n fact the population of Jap-ese in B. C. is given as slightly ver than the census figures for 1. In 1931 there were 22,205; in 1938 there were only 22,075 an actual decrease of 120. Over total period, therefore, deaths d departures exceeded births d arrivals.

The number of Second Gen-ation, however, jumped ahead some 2000, bringing the total isei figure to 13,143 as com-ared with the 1931 census gure of 11,061.

The peak year of Second Gen-tion births was in 1929. Since t year the birth rate has de-ned slowly, resulting in an in-asing natural decrease.

EIGHT OCTOGENARIANS

n the whole of Canada there re found to be 6,494 families, or average per family of 3.5 per-s. The ratio of males to fe-les was approximately 1.3 to 1. e greatest number of First eration in Canada were 49 rs of age. The survey also re-led eight octogenarian pioneers l living in Canada.

601 persons were gainfully ployed in the summer of 1938, en the survey was carried out. e largest group, 1804, were en-ed in forest products indus-s.

lthough by far the greater centage of Japanese have re-ned in B. C., the survey show-that 729 now reside in the irie Provinces. Returns were eived from every part of Can-, from Fort Good Hope in the th West Territories, Dawson in the Yukon, from Halifax he East, and Ucluelet in the st.

IZI KOYKE WITH OPERA

Hizi Koyke, Japanese soprano, l appear as Cho-Cho-san in ccini's opera, Madame Butter-to be presented by the San rlo Opera Company at the and Theatre, Saturday after-on, February 18 at the Strand eatre.

EDITORIAL

The New Canadian, pretentious in name, rising from the ashes of two former second generation newspapers, presents itself to its readers for the third time since its modest inception. For two issues it appeared as an experimental venture, going to the press sporadically, when funds were available.

But the acclamation that has greeted it, the enthusiasm with which it has been received, has so encouraged us that now we take it upon ourselves to appear as a semi-monthly magazine-newspaper. In joining the ranks of myriads of small-town and two-by-four papers, we can claim only one merit and that, as being a venture arising out of the efforts and the needs of the second generation.

At no other time in the life of the second generation, when hostile voices rise in sharp crescendo, has there been a greater need for some medium through which the Nisei might speak his thoughts and his hopes to the Canadian public at large. At no other time has there been a greater need for an organ that would rally a wavering minority group to a firmer consciousness of its peculiar position and the goal to which it must proceed in the land of its adoption.

In claiming for ourselves this great task, we are impelled by firm convictions. We believe in the principles of justice and fairplay. We believe in the abetting of right and the oppressed. In particular we believe that Canada holds for the Nisei, at large, his only future. To the future greatness of Canada and the part of the Canadian-born Japanese in this future we pledge our sincere effort and our endeavour.

In a world ridden with hysteria and fear, we challenge every Nisei to sane and unbiased thought. Alive as we are to our limitations as human beings in the evaluation of situations, in the possibility of error and misjudgment, we make our motto—Sanity and Constructiveness. We are particularly on guard against the pitfalls of mass-thinking.

Important as our task may be, we are helpless, financially and morally, without the whole-hearted support and confidence of every Nisei. We ask that he forget whatever failures that may have occurred in the past. We ask that he share the vision that fires us, gird his loins with courage and fight on till we are recognized as worthy citizens in the national and political life of the country of our birth—Canada.

SMUGGLING CHARGES DENIED BY BOARD

Informants Fail to Appear

Branding the charges that many Japanese are being smuggled into Canada as being "false both in detail and in substance," the long-awaited report of the Board of Review has been finally tabled in the House of Commons.

CHAIRMAN

Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, chairman of the Board of Inquiry on illegal entries. He may be appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan to succeed the Hon. R. Randolph Bruce.

It will be recalled that the Board, comprising Dr. H. L. Keenleyside of the External Affairs Department; chairman, F. W. Taylor of the Immigration Department, and Inspector G. W. Fish, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was appointed by the Federal Government to inquire into the repeated allegations of British Columbia M.P.'s and M.L.A.'s that "hundreds of Japanese were being smuggled into the country each year."

FEW ILLEGAL ENTRIES

The answer to these charges is contained in the official report, which states that "It was generally agreed in official circles that very few Japanese had entered Canada illegally since 1932."

The report is based upon extensive inquiries of the Commission into the whole situation. Hearings were held in all important coast centres, to which everyone was invited to supply information. In certain sampling areas, the Commission adopted the method of checking every Japanese resident in the district.

Particular attention was paid to the Queen Charlotte and some of the Gulf Islands, allegedly the centres of smuggling and espionage. The Board, however, found no evidence in support of the charges.

99.5 PER CENT LEGAL RESIDENTS

Of a sampling of 1862 individuals, the board found that over 99.5

SEE SMUGGLING PAGE 4

STEVESTON MERGER GREETED WITH ACCLAIM

Steveston Seinenkai Dissolves Organization

"Innumerable small second generation organizations throughout B. C. are engaged in petty competition with each other. Such a state of affairs militates against the interests of the Nisei of these extraordinary times. Niseis must wake up and deal a crushing blow to the continuation of these petty factions." Moved by this stirring message of Masakazu Nishimura, president, the twenty-one year old Steveston Young Mens Association, on the eve of attaining its majority voted to the last man for dissolution and subsequent merger with the Steveston Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizen's League.

By this step, heralded as the portent of a waking Nisei consciousness, the Steveston J.C.C.L. Chapter, with its three hundred odd members, becomes one of the strongest Nisei organizations in the whole of Canada.

LONG HISTORY

This step which involved the throwing away of a twenty year old history distinguished for its progressiveness and constructive work and which spoke of the foresight and the idealism of its leaders, was greeted with enthusiasm from all sides.

The president of the Steveston Young Men's Association concluded with an eloquent plea for support of the newly augmented J.C.C.L. group.

At the same time the Kendo and Judo member groups transferred their allegiance to the J.C.C.L. body as well as their funds amounting to over a hundred dollars each.

The club treasury of over two hundred dollars was left in the hands of Mr. Hashimoto for appropriate disposal.

Ed's. Note: The New Canadian has not words enough to praise the stand taken by the Steveston youth organization for their lead in a much needed movement to consolidate the Nisei stand. It is sincerely hoped that the many other Nisei groups will follow suit and join in a United march towards ultimate Canadian Citizenship.

STEVESTON, Jan. 29—Mr. M. Kuba, vice president of the National Executive of the J.C.C.L. and prominent Nisei leader in Steveston, expressed in an interview with the New Canadian gratification at the move of the Steveston Young Men's Association.

"Till now the Steveston J.C.C.L., although it has a membership of three hundred Nisels, was a loosely knit group. The merging of the Young Men's Association will solidify the organization. The J.C.C.L. will be able to undertake a much more aggressive program"—stated Mr. Kuba.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28—The National Executive of the J.C.C.L. voted to send a letter of congratulation to the Steveston Chapter expressing its pleasure over the union of the Seinenkai with the J.C.C.L.

Book Gift To Canada

Better Cultural Relations is Aim

Fifteen sets of three hundred books, as well as music sheets, recordings, pictures, photographs and moving pictures, depicting the cultural background of Japan are to be sent to Canada by the **Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai** (The Society for International Cultural Relations).

This gift is made possible through the efforts of Mr. S. Suzuki of Ocean Falls, on his recent visit to Japan.

All the material will be in English. It is understood that the National Executive of the J.C.C.L. will supervise the distribution of the gift to various libraries throughout Canada.

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EDITORIAL

Referring to the Oriental population of B. C., a recent editorial in the Vancouver Daily Province crassly states: "It is composed of people of other races and cultures than our own, who cannot be assimilated or absorbed to our way of living."

It is scarcely necessary to comment upon the absurdity of such a remark; and we feel sure that it represents not the sincere belief of an intelligent editor, but rather a deliberate attempt to cater to the popular feeling of the times.

More important from our point of view is the psychological response evoked in the hearts and minds of those against whom these remarks are directed.

To the Nisei, keenly conscious of his own ability and his desire to be "assimilated and absorbed to a Canadian way of living," this statement comes as a forceful slap in the face.

Surely the hopes that are crushed, the hurt that is done, the resentment that is aroused aggravates the situation, rather than eases it. And the grudging admission of the editorial that the Japanese are a "law-abiding and self-supporting people," far from being a balm to the sensitive wounds of the Nisei, is merely throwing salt into these wounds.

The same editorial goes on to make an even more grievous and tragic error. Since these Canadian-born Orientals "must be accorded the tolerance of our institutions and the protection of our laws," the editorial says, there is "probably nothing" to be done about them.

The Province, then, takes the attitude that if under existing laws, Canadian Society cannot further hamstring this racial minority, then they will have to be left alone. In other words, if Canadian Society cannot shove Canadian-born Orientals further down into the mud without getting its own feet dirty, they are to be left where they are; the Province thus implies that nothing can or should be done to assist the Nisei to get out of the mud.

But the correct and only answer must be one exactly opposite. The Vancouver Symphony Society, in inviting the Nisei to participate in the affairs of the Society has given our other Canadian institutions a valuable lead. Such a gesture evokes not merely a feeling of pleasure and gratitude in the hearts of the Nisei, but establishes a firmer belief in the inherent desire of the majority of Canadian people for justice and fair-play, for all that is truly beautiful in life.

Is it too much, then, to ask of the daily press a similar gesture? Much can be done toward the solution of the Oriental problem in B. C., and the daily press, by virtue of its nature and function is best equipped to do the work.

Canadian-born Orientals are in need of a powerful organ such as the press to present the plain and simple truth concerning their status as a racial minority.

They are in need of an organ, influential and powerful in the shaping of public opinion, which will strive to bring about mutual friendship and good-will, rather than inspire antagonism and resentment.

We challenge the Daily Province, as a newspaper "devoted to the public service" to take up this work of establishing unity and harmony among Canadian people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ed's Note:—Letters must be short and accompanied with a signature. Those desiring to use pen names must so signify. We cannot be reponsible for the return of any material sent to these columns.

EDITOR:—I would like to congratulate you and your associates for the very fine standards set in your paper, and wish you continued success in your efforts to put out a publication well worthy of bearing the sub-title, "Voice of the Second Generation."

We, in the Interior of the Province, do not wish to sit back and let you in the urban centres, do all the work, so I shall do my best to arouse interest here in contributing in some way towards the progress of such a worthy cause.

ANTHONY T. KOBAYASHI,
Okanagan Centre.

EDITOR:—The last issue of the New Canadian was certainly full of very good reading material for the Nisei. Moreover, there were many articles which would be of great interest to our Canadian friends, so I have not hesitated to distribute a few copies to our more influential Canadian citizens.

A publication such as the New Canadian is greatly needed in the better interests of the Second Generation. I wish to extend my sincere congratulations, and promise to co-operate in any small way that I can to make this new venture a success.

K. IZUMI,
Chemainus.

SIR:—I know that the New Canadian will be a great help to the Second Generation. I think that every member of any organization should rally to its support, and by contributing articles and news of their locality, make of the New Canadian a successful Nisei organ.

HIROSHI HAMASAKI,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

DEAR SIR: — Acknowledging yours of the 12th, I am pleased to apply for two subscriptions to the "New Canadian."

The Nisels of this city, although small in number, voiced their interest and willingness to co-operate in a publication of this kind. I hope to send some form of article to your paper shortly, and wish you every success in your endeavour.

TOM HORI,
Regina, Sask.

DEAR SIR: I am much pleased that you have given our book, "The Japanese Canadians," such a good review in your new paper, and that you count it a real contribution to the efforts toward solving the many difficulties in the situation at the present time.

I would like to subscribe to the New Canadian regularly, and congratulate you on this worthwhile enterprise.

HELEN R. Y. REID,
MONTREAL.

Sir: Let me congratulate you upon the excellence of the material included in your last issue, especially the article on the Photography enterprise which two young men recently started. A story like that is bound to find favour among young people, most of whom are viewing the future in Hamlet-like fashion, and badly need some sort of inspiration in lieu of sufficient self-confidence to step out on their own.

J. C. TANI
PORT ALBERNI.

DEAR MR. HIGASHI: I read your paper with great interest and especially your proposal that Nisels should go eastward. I strongly feel as you do that the second generation should not feel "kuyo kuyo" in B. C., but should move to places such as Toronto.

The other month, a Japanese Electric Masseur moved with his whole family to this city. He is now doing very well, living in a beautiful home.

For the educated there are singular opportunities, for those who have not had the opportunity to gain an University training there are small businesses that could be opened up, gardening work to be found and many others.

I wish that I could tell every discouraged Nisei personally to come east.

MRS. N. HIRABAYASHI,
TORONTO.

Postscript: The many letters that we have received have more than convinced us of the value of our work. Other cities from which word has come to us are Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and in the United States, Berkeley, Los Angeles and Madison, Wisconsin.

It is hoped that Mayor Telford's aroused crusaders will not fail to do a little much-needed street cleaning along Powell Street.

History reverses itself—Don Fernando Miller and his stately Salmon Purse Seiner Galleons and the pestiferous little Gill-net Gasboats.

A new disease, quite unknown to Dr. Weir, Rollerskateritis, assumes the proportions of an epidemic.

Who says the Nisei don't want to be Canadians? They even play the original Canadians' own game—lacrosse.

For men may come and men may go, but go-betweens go on forever.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has abandoned its first love. It would rather see B. C. millhands, loggers, and miners on the breadline than brewers and distillers grovelling in the dust.

"British Justice is not dead even for a horse," ends a brilliant news comment on Judge Matheson's sentence upon a junk dealer who forgot to feed his faithful horse. The Nisei has been placed no higher than rabbits or guinea pigs. So surely he can't take ill, being placed lower than a noble nag.

Dr. Keenleyside has written a singularly prosaic ending to Captain MacIntosh's recent best seller, "Smuggling." Perhaps Ian MacKenzie will write a similar prosaic ending to the latest blood-curdling thriller, "Espionage."

TO ANGELA

Well, Angela, here I am! I never knew that I could become a newspaper writer, and a columnist at that, mind you. Anyways, the editor has given me the O.K. to talk to you from this page.

I can imagine what you must be thinking of me. You've criticized me for my "gift of gab"—you've sat on me for talking too much and too sharply, but now I'm getting paid for it. So there you go!

But now that I have a column I find it difficult to think of something to say. It's only when I get real angry that I shout out my thoughts.

Japanese Fascists

Just the other day that George Miller or someone said something about the Japanese Fascists on the coast carrying on espionage. I had to look the word up in a dictionary, and mind you it means spying. Gee, I thought, it must be thrilling to be a spy. Then I wondered what there was to spy about.

You know when you think about spies and spy-rings, you think of some remote European Kingdom about the size of a fifty-cent piece, the kind you read about in the Saturday Evening Post.

As for B. C., I can only think of the rolling Pacific pounding on the rocky shores on the west coast of Vancouver Island and myself getting sick. I remember once when I was, oh, so small, of going up the Howe Sound in a Mission boat.

I spent the whole time in the fore-cabin with the captain. And on his desk there were many maps with figures written all over them. I asked the captain what the numbers were for, and he told me that they were soundings or the depths of water at that particular spot.

I asked him if he had made them himself and he told me that you could buy them at the court house or somewhere.

So, Angela, I got good and sore when that fellow said that the Japanese were spying because I can't see what they have to spy about. I could have shouted pretty loudly then, and of course, got sat on. But now the whole thing seems rather ridic.

Keenleyside Report

It's the same thing with all those stories—about the number of Japanese that have sneaked into Canada. Somebody by the name of Keenleyside proved that half the stories were false. You see, it sure gets one to hear all those things about the Japanese.

But, of course, how can we prove that these people are wrong, unless we have commissions and investigations each time. Even then, when the reports do come out, they are all denied and tabled and so forth, since all the charges have been proven wrong.

Remember that story we had in Book 4, where a judge makes a woman empty a bag of feathers in the wind and then tells her to gather them up again?

Well, it's *the same* thing here. Nobody can ever take back all the harmful results of these rumours and accusations made in the papers about the Japanese.

I think that if those stories were true at all, all the Japanese should be lined up and shot. Don't you?

Well, I have to close now. Will you wait for me till the next time?

PORTRAIT OF A NISEI ARTIST

Nisei Sketch No. 3

ED'S NOTE: *This is the third in a series of Nisei sketches giving to our readers a thumb-nail picture of second generation Japanese who have distinguished themselves by their effort; but who, in most cases, remain in obscurity. Two previous articles won much acclaim. The first written about Miss Chitose Uchida and her night school was reprinted in the magazine section of the Vancouver Daily Province. Many have written us stating that these sketches have proved an incentive to other Niseis to a greater effort in the face of overwhelming difficulties.*

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The number of years spent in educational institutions are never a sound criteria of the worth of an individual. The accomplishment of Sam Yamada well proves the truth of this observation.

Sam was the second boy in a family of four children. Through his public school days, he distinguished himself for his artistic work in the manual arts. Even from these days he nourished a great ambition.

Scarcely had he completed his elementary school education, when his father died after a prolonged illness; leaving a family burdened with doctor's bills and heavy responsibilities.

Sam tucked away his ambitions in a dark corner of his heart, and with some bitterness, looked about for employment by means of which he could help towards the sadly depleted family purse.

He became apprenticed to a photographer in the city. And there, year in, year out, he worked long hours for a mere pittance with little time for recreation. But the fire of his ambition burned in him: Somehow he meant to acquire an education, somehow he meant to equip himself for the task to which he had long ago set his heart.

LONG HOURS NO PLAY

During a period of intense religious convictions, through the encouragement of many friends, he attended the Foursquare Lighthouse Bible School. For two and a half years he toiled at his studies and won for himself the respect and admiration of many friends.

Once armed with a diploma that made him a full-fledged minister of the Gospel—he found that the ministry was not to his liking, and turned to other fields. The contacts that he gained served him in good stead. It was at Bible School that he gained his first taste of music. There he gained a sound background in English studies.

His love for good music found expression in his trumpet playing. At first it was a battered, second-hand trumpet. Now he possesses a beautiful Holton. He continued his music studies, taking the odd lesson from professional teachers in the city. However, he found the cost prohibitive and so enrolled himself in the Chicago University of Extension.

He now points proudly to a framed diploma, that recognizes his ability as a trumpet player, and his qualifications to teach.

"I want to help any Nisei who wants to learn to play an instrument. When I started I had to pay$2.00 a lesson. One of my ambitions is to see good cornetists and trumpeters among the Japanese," states Sam.

But his real forte is his art studies. For four years he has been attending the night school classes of the Vancouver Art School. He has taken every course that is offered, from commercial work to oil-painting. He has also diplomas from the Washington School of Art and from the Stanford University.

FORTE IS PAINTING

One of Sam's works won acclaim in a nation-wide peace poster contest and was hung for three weeks in a Chicago Exhibition.

Today he is slowly realizing his childhood ambition to become a great artist. His oil paintings have a wide appeal and a mastery of technique that comes only with long training and effort.

Besides his main ambition as an oil painter, he dabbles in sculpturing. With a pen-knife he whittles a block of wood, or a bar of soap, according to the mood that comes upon him. Already he has done some commendable work.

As for the initial work in which he engaged himself—photography, he has improved by leaps and bounds. The studio where he now works enjoys the reputation as being one of the best equipped and finest in the Japanese community, and its enviable reputation is not a little attributable to Sam.

But in spite of his accomplishments, Sam remains the same modest and unassuming self that first attended the Bible School. Though his voluptuous nude studies might be misleading, Sam is at heart the true ascetic that training has made him at first.

To effort, to grit, and sheer pluckiness, we Niseis take off our hats.

ARTIST

Sam Yamada and his palette

ISLAND FARE

With the fond hope that I might get a scoop story for the New Canadian to prove my untried status as a newly installed correspondent I visited two of the higher ups of the Alberni District J.C.C.A. to interview them on the question of the recent rapprochment of the local group and the League.

Mr. Roy Higaki, the president, received me kindly.

"In your opinion, Roy, is there any hope of the J.C.C.A. ever re-entering the J.C.C.L.?"

"Well, it's hard to say definitely what will take place in the future. But possibly the next generation could manage it. Perhaps when Victor is old enough ..."

He was off on his favorite subject again. Victor is his four-months old son. When Roy starts talking about him, it's useless to lead him to any other topic.

The Difficult Mr. Tani

I determined to try Mr. J. C. Tani, the secretary. I feared that he might prove difficult, for, although he is a good-hearted soul as a rule, he could be terribly provoking when it suited him. I remembered with misgivings that he wrote to another paper and would probably feel a tinge of professional jealousy towards me. But there was some consolation in the thought of his enthusiasm for the J.C.C.A.

I found him in his garage, as usual, admiring the sleek lines of his automobile.

"Look here, J.C.," I said. "What do you think of . . .?"

"Rotten weather we're having, Bones," he murmured unheedingly. "Impossible to keep a car clean on these roads nowadays."

"Yes, yes, I know. But . . ."

"A new paint job every year or so." He sighed, stooping to examine an imperceptible scratch on the hub.

Desperately I cried, "The J.—C. —C.—A.— and . . ."

"Oh, yes. The J.C.C.A., to be sure. Executive meeting on the 29th. Should close with a dull metallic thud."

With that he shut a door, which closed with an unmistakable rattle. "U n d o u b t e d l y metallic." Crash! "But slightly off key!" Bang!!

I groaned and left.

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TO OUR READERS !

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Thus the New Canadian, edited and written by second generation, is devoted solely to championing the second generation's cause. Its columns are open to every Nisei who has something constructive to say.

But at the same time our continued publication is wholly dependent upon your support and your confidence. Only after much consideration, and as a part of a conscious plan, have we decided to solicit subscriptions, and that for only three months at a time.

Every progressive Nisei should take it upon himself to subscribe and at the same time send copies to his chums, to those leaders in his community, who have not had the opportunity to come to an understanding of Nisei ideals, and above all to those who have stood firm in their vindication of the second generation cause. It is only through self-sacrifice and sincere effort that we can win for ourselves the coveted goal—ultimate adoption into the life of Canada.

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CHINESE BOYCOTT HARMS VALLEY RHUBARB GROWERS

EXPLOITATION OF POPULAR FEELING BLAMED FOR SITUATION

Japanese rhubarb growers throughout the Fraser Valley are feeling the effects of a widespread Chinese boycott of their products. Under the instigation of the Chinese Benevolent Association, Chinese wholesalers and greengrocers, who practically monopolize the vegetable and fruit business, are boycotting Japanese grown products.

Mr. Y. Ebata, of the Farmer's Products Distributing Company expressed his regret that the Chinese should discriminate against the Japanese because of hostilities in the Orient.

Incidently the Farmer's Products Distributing Company was formed when the first Chinese boycott made the marketing of Japanese grown products almost an impossibility.

PECULIAR SITUATION

"It is peculiar," Mr. Ebata stated, when interviewed, "that in the case of strawberries and asparagus the Chinese were willing to handle our products. That was because the Chinese themselves grew these goods. In the case of rhubarb, however, the Japanese grow the greatest bulk.

"Thus the action of the Chinese raises the suspicion in our minds that a strong group of growers are attempting to cripple Japanese rhubarb growers and oust them from the business.

"A Chinese green grocer was in to see us this morning and he expressed the desire to handle our rhubarb. But it seems that they are intimidated by hired thugs and ruffians, and if they are caught they are fined heavily for dealing with the Japanese."

WILLING TO SELL

"On the other hand they are not one bit averse to selling their goods to Japanese grocers. The situation is indeed deplorable."

"As a result Japanese growers have now taken the move of shipping their rhubarb in carload lots to the eastern provinces. Big co-operatives are able to do this but the small farmers are rather badly hit."

"I am sure that if it were not for the influence of the Benevolent Association and if all the Chinese growers were fully aware of the true situation, the boycott would be discontinued."

Mr. K. Mura, farmer of Richmond, states that the Japanese are in no danger of becoming insolvent. Some of the farmers find the going difficult at times, however.

He related an amusing incident of taking his produce to Water Street, the wholesale centre, and unloading his boxes there. A Chinese merchant then came and stealthily bought his own products from the wholesalers.

NO ANIMOSITY

He states that there is no personal animosity at all between himself and his Chinese business acquaintances. Some of his connections with the Chinese are of many years standing.

With a shake of his head he stated that the whole business of the Chinese boycott was taking on the proportions of a well-organized racket.

"Big chain-store companies among the Chinese, who have their own farms, their own wholesale firms and their own corner fruit and vegetable stores, are exploiting the present conflict in the east and popular feeling to further their own ends," concluded Mr. Mara.

FISHERIES REPORT

Nisei Licence Reduced

ALLEGED CONTROL DISPROVED

Sharp reduction in the number of licences issued to fishermen of Japanese origin in British Columbia in recent years is reported in the annual report of the Dominion Department of Fisheries.

From the statistics contained in the report it is impossible to see how many stories of Japanese domination in the industry, so luridly painted by politicians or vested interests, could conceivably have any basis in fact.

POPULAR IMPRESSIONS WRONG

"None but British subjects may obtain commercial fishing licences from the department, but in recent years, contrary perhaps to some popular impressions, there has been a substantial reduction in the percentage of Pacific coast licences, who are British subjects of Oriental origin and a corresponding rise in the percentage of white licencees."

Even in 1922, the year in which the *Duff* Commission recommended the reduction of licences issued to fishermen of Japanese origin, such fishermen held only 38.9 per cent of total licences issued.

JAPANESE EXPELLED

By 1937 so many Japanese had been expelled from the industry by licence restrictions that they held only 15.7 per cent of total licences.

Contrasted to this, the percentage of Indian licencees was 23.6, and of whites, 60.7.

OFFICIALS DENY RUMOURS

Rumours that the Pacific Mills pulp and paper plant at Ocean Falls will resume capacity operations are described by officials of the company as "quite exaggerated." According to a statement given to the New Canadian there is but little prospect for improvement during the coming year either in the newsprint or specialty departments of the plant.

MILLER GROUP CONDEMNED

FISHERMEN'S WEEKLY DISAPPROVES STAND

Strong disapproval of attacks on Japanese by George Miller, secretary of the Salmon Purse Seiners Union is expressed in a story carried by a recent issue of the Pacific Coast News, B. C. fishermen's weekly.

"Amazement at allegations and statements of George Miller," says the paper, "Was the reaction of union leaders and informed fishermen who ascribed his effusions to a desire for publicity and propaganda."

MILLER GROUP TACTICS

"The confusing tactics and maneuvers of the Miller group in fishery matters, its chequered past, its varying affiliations, and its change of policies have left, union men say, other B. C. fishermen's organizations cold to the group's perennial cry for "unity" which, they have found, lacks sincerity."

"They refer," continues the story, "To the many years' co-operation between other fishermen's unions in important matters as negotiating salmon prices; a harmonious collaboration which has included all net fishermen's organizations in B. C., Indians, Japanese, and white with the self-imposed exclusion of the Salmon Purse Seiners' Union."

"They feel that a wedge is being driven into organized fishermen's relations by an outside force, and contend that the situation, which obviously tends to weaken fishermen's hands in dealings with buyers of fishery products will force an adjustment of a decisive nature."

Mention is also made that "Observers have difficulty in understanding the apparent change in the policies of Miller's Union, which last June sent the now famous 'love letters' to Japanese fishermen."

Smuggling

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per cent were legally resident in Canada. Those few who were held for deportation had entered the country years before, when immigration regulations on the coast were not rigidly enforced.

The board estimated that at the present time no more than 100 Japanese are illegally resident in Canada.

The report also stated "that many persons who had complained loudly about alleged Japanese entry to British Columbia failed to appear before the board and others had little helpful information to offer."

This was due, according to Captain Macgregor MacIntosh, M.L.A. for the former Islands constituency, who was largely responsible for the appointment of the commission, to fear of retaliation. All information, and the identity of all informants, however, were regarded as strictly confidential.

Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P. for Comox-Alberni, stated in the House that "the question of illegal entry" was of "minute importance."

BUSINESS OPENINGS OFFERED IN THE EAST TO COAST NISEIS

Letters have begun to pour in from all parts of Canada, moved by the item carried in various newspapers taken from the Canadian Press dispatch concerning the Nisei and his difficulties in B. C.

Here are two interesting offers to Second Generation, who are looking for a future.

From Rosedale in Southern Alberta comes this proposition from a native Kentuckian who is anxious to go back to the blue grass regions. He has a business establishment, situated on the Main Street, 24 x 40 foot, with two store rooms, two club rooms, a poolroom in the basement with stone foundation and three snooker tables, a confectionery on the main floor with ice cream and soft drink frigidaires, and three beautiful rooms upstairs. There is also a splendid opportunity, says the writer, for a restaurant, a grocery, or even a rooming house.

The town is on the cross roads of five mines, all "going at full blast," and is the distributing centre for the valley of twenty miles circumference and a population of 10,000. Drilling operations for oil are also being carried on in the valley, one company having an option on 25,000 acres.

From the far-away city of Sarnia in Southern Ontario, location of the great Imperial Oil Refineries, comes the letter from which the following excerpt is taken.

"I am looking for a buyer of a small dry cleaning plant, which came to me through a business deal, and which I am unable to operate owing to the pressure of my own upholstering business.

"We have a city of 22,000. In addition there are several summer resorts within a radius of 50 miles; and in my own business I have a country route that covers 125 miles of good road.

"I understand that Japanese are remarkably efficient in this business, so if any of your young people want to come east and start a business for themselves, this is a good opportunity.

Any person who is interested in the above offers is advised to communicate immediately with the New Canadian.

JAPAN TRADE HAS FAVORABLE BALANCE

The November Foreign Trade report recently released by the Department of Finance of Japan reveals a surprising change in the balance of Japan's foreign trade over the past three years. Despite irregular monthly fluctuations, a comparison of totals for imports and exports up to November of each year shows a remarkable transformation of an adverse balance into a favorable balance.

For the whole of Japan, imports exceeded exports by 137 million yen in 1936, and by 617 million yen in 1937. But in 1938, this situation underwent a radical change, exports exceeding imports by 47 million yen.

Although the volume of trade declined from the peak levels of the preceding year, 1936 totals were well maintained. Exports increased by 96 million yen, while imports declined by a similar figure, this change being reflected in the favorable trade balance for 1938.

J. C. C. L. DISCUSS YOUTH CONGRESS

The J.C.C.L. National Executive will request all member chapters and other Nisei organizations to send delegates to the Provincial Youth Congress in Vancouver, Easter week-end, it was decided at the meeting January 28.

The executive will meet again February 18, to consider the Congress agenda, and to decide upon further action.

Committees

Four committees to aid in furthering the work of the J.C.C.L. were appointed. Publicity: Dr. E. C. Banno, Tom Iwasaki, and K. T. Shoyama; Legal Research, Sam Okamoto; Organization, Thomas Yoshida and E. N. Yamaoka; Finance, Hajime Shiga and E. T. Ouchi.

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Odds and Ends

BY DEBORAH AND I

It's a little ways to spring yet, but whenever the sun comes out ...orah and I get the urge to traipse through the woods over the ... bracken, now withered and browned, and then come home ... write poetry.

But usually the poetic something or the other is lacking at this ... of the year. And since no one has sent us any verse to insert ...his column, Deborah suggested that we go to our dusty box ... dig out some old poems.

Here's one that must have been written years back:

TOMORROW

We will wait tomorrow
with the patience of old men,
today beyond the food that we eat
the clothes that we wear
nothing remains.

We cannot look back at the yesteryears,
hours full of the tumultuous hope of youth,
we cannot look back
and say with regret that we have lived.

Now with us the creature of our wants,
wants incarnate and breathing with the serenity
of things done.

Tomorrow we will wait with a patience born of despair.

We were much older then, though young in years.
But here's a gem. It has the pungency of a Byron:

THE TRIUMVIRATE

There once was a Nordic Dictator,
Who tried to embrace the equator,
But England said, "Please,
Be gentle, don't squeeze;
Let's pretend you're a Pacificator."

There once was a Latin Dictator,
Who liked to be called Imperator;
He insisted Utopia
Spelled Ethiopia,
But the Brenner has proved his deflator.

There once was a Slavic Dictator,
Who couldn't tell Comrade from Traitor;
He invented the Stunt
Of the United Front,
And his purge has rubbed out the Creator.

And mind you a woman wrote it—a Florence Converse. Deborah ...ers at my elbow. She's one of those Pankhurstites, you know, look... for a lost cause or something. She insists that women are as good ...n, nay better.

Here are two favorites of mine, little epigrams that tear up your nose:

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

How odd
Of God
To Choose
The Jews."

—W. N. Ewen.

And Cecil Browne's beautiful counter-punch to the solar plexus:

But not so odd,
As those who choose,
A Jewish God,
Yet spurn the Jews.

This is not a column of political verses. No, so Deborah brings me ... that drips with femininity.

MIRAGE

The hope I dreamed of was a dream,
Was but a dream; and I now wake,
Exceeding comfortless, and worn, and old,
For a dream's sake.

I hang my harp upon a tree,
A weeping willow in a lake;
I hang my silent harp there, wrung and snapt
For a dream's sake.

Lie still, lie still, my breaking heart;
My silent heart, lie still and break;
Life and the world, and mine own self are changed
For a dream's sake.

—Christina Rossetti.

And Deborah sighs, "Too true." It's just like a woman to say ... I think that it's this very point on which a man and a woman ... Deborah will brain me. But I think that this difference makes ... greater creature than a woman. Women are as idealistic as men, ... put too much weight upon their dreams. Once awakened from ...or of an ideal, they are completely lost.

...man on the other hand has the ability to evaluate not the dream ... alone, but for the signifance of the human predilection to dream. The dream itself is unimportant, but man's effort to identify ... with something beyond himself, speaks of the God-like in him. ...'s recognition of this manifestation that gives to him a superior greatness beyond that possessed by the fairer sex.

... more women commit suicide over shattered ideals than do ... Deborah is good and angry. I'd better scoot. A last word. ... to send me some of your own poetry.

NISEI ARTISTS ON RADIO

The J.C.C.L. will present a group of Nisei artists in an half hour of music over the regular Youth Council weekly broadcast, February 15th, Wednesday night.

Arrangements for the goodwill broadcast are proceeding apace according to Mr. Edward Ouchi who is in charge. The program will be heard over CKMO from 8:30 to 9:00.

SOPRANO GIVES FINE RECITAL

Making effective use of a dulcet lyric voice and an alert musical sense, Lily Washimoto, well-known Vancouver-born Nisei lyric soprano, scored a genuine triumph before a large and enthusiastic audience at her first recital Friday night, in the Oak Room of the Hotel Vancouver.

A representative and exceptionally interesting programme, drawn from the works of English, Russian, French, German and Russian composers, was presented by Miss Washimoto, with a number of selections affording full scope to the singer's lovely pure soprano voice and fine technique.

Particularly enjoyable on the programme were perhaps the brilliant rendition of "Depuis Le Jour" from Charpentier's "Louise," the vivid presentation of "Hopak" by Moussorgsky, and the artistic singing in "Love's Philosophy" by Delius.

ADMIRABLE DICTION

The spirited "Les Filles de Cadiz" of Delibes was rendered with much charm of expression and admirable command of diction, while the interpretation of the "Air de Lia" from Debussy's "L'Enfant Prodigue" was very significant.

Also included on the programme were a Mozart aria performed with violin accompaniment, a cycle by Robin Milford, Palmgren's "Autumn" rendered in the Russian group, and Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen."

Phyllis Dilworth was the sympathetic and artistic accompanist, while Hans Zschiedrich, violin, and John Arnott, clarinet, were the assisting artists.

Following the recital, Professor Ira Dilworth, was host at tea in the Italian Room.

NOTICE

The New Canadian is not sponsored by any one Nisei organization. The impression that this paper is put out by the J.C.C.L. has been received from various sources.

We are very sorry to have given this sense of partizanship to the New Canadian. In the future we welcome any suggestions and criticisms to the paper from any individual as well as material of interest and of news value fit for publication.

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OUT OF TOWN NEWS

WHIST DRIVE IS ALIVE

In an atmosphere of camaradership and gaiety, the Steveston J.C.C.L. basketball team held their whist drive and dance at the St. Anne's Parish Hall.

Popular Alfred Okimi was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the whist drive.

PATRONS

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kajiro, Principal of the Steveston Japanese Language School, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kuba, vice-president of the National J.C.C.L. executive and Mr. and Mrs. J. Nishihata lent their gracious patronage to the successful event.

NOTICE

Steveston Y.P.S. Citizenship meeting, Church, Sunday February 5th, Alfred Okimi convenor. Hanako Naruse and Fred Iwao Nishi, speakers.

THE RAINY CITY

OCEAN FALLS, B. C.

The public school children of Ocean Falls are eagerly awaiting the arrival of "goodwill dolls" from the pupils of the Y.W.C.A. Kokusai Jin Kan of Tokio, which are being sent in return for handmade Christmas cards, delivered by Mr. Suzuki on his recent trip to Japan.

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Pacific Mills Paper Company at Ocean Falls have received an order for a half million Yen of cement bags from Japan. Mr. Suzuki was instrumental in diverting this order from Sweden to Canada.

He approached the Department of Finance and the Department of Foreign Affairs in Japan, and described the hardships of the people of Ocean Falls, where operating time has been virtually cut in half, largely owing to curtailment of orders from Japan.

PRINCE RUPERT PATTER

By GEORGE HAMASAKI

On January 7th the N.Y.P.A. gathered to hear Mr. Roger Obata give his impressions of his recent trip to Japan. His address was well received.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Emily Yamanaka, social convenor. Miss Hariko Suehiro, vice-president, presided over the meeting.

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On January 15th, ten confirmed members of the N.Y.P.A., which is the local A.Y.P.A. branch, gathered with members from the St. Andrew's Cathedral A.Y.P.A. to join in the Fellowship breakfast.

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Several Japanese families living in the Seal Cove vicinity have been given notice to move. Their homes will be torn down to make room for a new air-base, which is in the process of construction.

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In a pretty afternoon wedding on January 25th at the Holy Cross Mission in Vancouver, Miss Kazu Nishio, charming Rupert Nisei, was married to Mr. Yoshio Mori. Rev. Gale performed the ceremony.

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Kay Hirano is making a name for himself as a basketball player in Vancouver—so says, a little bird.

CO-OPERATION MARKS TALKS

Alberni J.C.C.A. Accepts Gesture

"Let us forget the past and cooperate in the future. After all, our purposes are the same." With these words, Mr. Edward Ouchi, general secretary of the J.C.C.L. summed up his appeal to the Alberni J.C.C.A. for closer relations between the two organizations.

In warm response, J.C.C.A. officers readily indicated their desire to work in harmony with the J.C.C.L. at all times.

The conversations were held between Mr. Ouchi and Messrs. Roy Higaki and J. C. Tani during the recent visit of Mr. Ouchi to Port Alberni. The outcome of this meeting was the first definite understanding between the two groups.

Cordial Welcome

Mr. Ouchi stated that the J.C.C.A. would find a cordial welcome if it were to return to the league. The J.C.C.A. officers, however, were adamant on this point. It was out of the question, they said, explaining that the reasons for their withdrawal still existed.

The J.C.C.A. stated that they felt they could serve more usefully in a critical capacity by remaining outside. The two groups, however, are planning an unofficial working arrangement that would promote closer co-operation in the future.

P.B.P.

CAPITAL CITY CHATTER

By Ioni Gosippe

The Taiyo Athletic Club held their annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henmi on Friday, January 20 to elect the following officers for the coming term: **Masao Kuwabara**, president, **H. E. Kondo**, vice-president, **Tsutomu Shimizu**, secretary, **Muneo Kawasoe**, treasurer, and **Harold Kawasoe**, sports convenor.

Thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henmi for their genuine hospitality and co-operation.

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On Saturday, January 21st, the Victoria Chapter of the J.C.C.L. held their general meeting for the election of officers. **Taro Yoneda** was chosen president. Others on the executive are: **Aiko Kondo**, vice-president, **Yaeko Henmi**, secretary, **Marion Yoneda**, treasurer and three social convenors: **Masao Kuwabara, H. E. Kondo** and **Muss Okamoto.**

Say! ! A social committee of three men can you picture it? Come on girls. Is this a strike or have you misplaced those trusty can-openers?

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Briefs: Is it true, **Esum**, that you made a short out of town trip? What or who is the attraction in that certain up-island town? . . . **H. E.**, it seems that you and **Muss** weren't seen around town the same week-end. Is what they are saying about . . . . . (censored) true?

THIN ICE

BY SONE HEN-NEH

"For Ladies Only"—just a warning in case some members of the stronger sex are tempted to skate on thin ice.

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Gay informality permeated the scene of the recent Anglican dance. All the glitter of formal evening wear was conspicuously absent, even the famous tuxedo being tucked away in mothballs for the evening. Regarding skirts—the trend is still on the up and up.... Sombre shades were popular with maroon and black topping the list.

We saw . . . Roy Nakayama dancing the ever-popular Lambeth Walk . . . a long stag line. Could the girls be slipping or are the boys beginning to count their pennies?

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Congratulations! The surprise engagement of a pretty sensei and Vancouver's most eligible bachelor left everyone speechless, especially a number of boys who are now looking for new dates.

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Overheard a Seattle girl at the recent Washington-Nippon game: "Say, you have a good-looking Italian on your team, huh?" No pushing there, girls, form a line on the right, please.

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At the Marpole-Nippon rugby game our boys inspired by the timely arrival of a few beautiful sirens played a sensational game. As a result the boys make a special plea for more feminine support. Come, girls, don't shirk such a pleasant duty.

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A tornado struck the Junior Church service the other night. Damages? None . . . just Yuji Korenaga yawning.

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Vancouver's popular radio star, after undergoing a serious operation, spent a night advertising for Ernie's (free of charge). During a fitful sleep she called continually for "just one of Ernie's hamburgers, please!

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Highlight of the winter's social events—Lily Washimoto's recital in the Oak Room of the Hotel Vancouver. Society's "Four Hundred" and notables from the music world attended in their best "bib-and-tucker."

Miss Washimoto wore an exquisitely simple but sophisticated gown of white brocade. A softly draped neckline was strikingly accented with scarlet camellias, the only adornment. Below a nipped-in-waist, the sheath-skirt tapered off into a short but distinctive train. Scarlet slippers and flowers of the same shade tucked in the hair completed the costume.

Miss Phyllis Dilworth, the accompanist, chose a floor-length gown of Capri blue, contrasted by golden slippers.

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Just why Happyland has greater appeal to the devotees of roller skating than the Winter Gardens—because the muted hum of rubber wheels on a polished floor blends much more harmoniously with the latest song hits than does the racket of steel wheels. Besides, how can one appreciate sweet nothings when they are shouted to the accompaniment of screeching wheels and screaming girls.

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How did you enjoy the ladies' column, gentlemen?

MATSUGU HEADS FUKUOKA Y.P.S.

George Matsugu, at present in Japan, was re-elected president of the Fukuoka Seinenkai at its sixth annual meeting, Sunday, January 2, at Fuji.

The members of his new executive for the ensuing year include: Vice-presidents, Don Sugiman, who will be acting president until Matsugu's return, and Misao Hatanaka; Secretaries, Shigeharu Okumura, Yuriko Hatanaki; recording secretary, Kentaro Ebisuzaki; treasurer, Lucy Koyanagi.

Other positions were filled by the following: Shawman, Heihachiro Fujiki, social convenors, David Arikado, Shirley Inouye, Eileen Shintani, Tom Hatanaka, Mary Miyasaka. The positions of councillors are occupied by Ty Tabuchi, Tad Ikeda, Hippo Nagasaki, Akira Abe, Larry Nakatsuka, Pat Ikebuchi, Sumiko Shigematsu, and Mitsuko Hozaki.

Masayoshi and Harry Harada are to continue as advisors.

Yoshimaru Abe, Hatsuo Arinobu and Tsuneo Takasaki were appointed out-of-town officers, in Hammond, Haney and other localities.

The club would like to express thanks, through this paper for donations from Haruji Abe and the Maple Ridge Fujinkai of five and two dollars respectively.

Bussei Concert — In March

In a determined drive to gather funds for the building of a much needed Gymnasium, the Bussei League will sponsor a third concert in March.

Officials in charge of the program promise a bigger concert than any before.

Powell A.O.T.S. Supper Hosts

The Powell Street United Church received a "travelling gavel," symbol of fellowship and goodwill from the Grandview United Church at the first fellowship supper of the A.O.T.S. when some 100 people met for an evening of singing, minute-dramas and lantern slides.

Mr. S. Shinobu, president of the Japanese branch of the A.O.T.S. in accepting the gavel expressed the hope that the new year would "Let us forget the past and cofriendship between the two races represented at the meeting.

The gavel, which is carried from club to club in an exchange of supper meetings, will be surrendered by the Japanese when they visit the St. Giles United on February 7th.

CALENDER

SOME COMING EVENTS

Feb. 4—Powell Y.P.S. 10th Anniversary Banquet; Maruman; 6:30 p.m., 35c. Social, Night School Room, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 7—Meirokai Roller Skating Party, Happyland, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 9—A.Y.P.A. Valentine Social, 3rd Avenue Church, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 11—J.C.C.L., Mr. Thomas of the Symphony Society and artists, Nippon Club, 8:00 p.m.
—Valentine Social—Steveston and N.W.Y.P.S. at New Westminster.

Feb. 14—Hokutokai Dosokai Roller Skating Party, Happyland, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 18—Basketball Game, Seattle Steamrollers vs. Nippons, Western Sports Centre, 7:30 p.m., 15c. Dance at 9:00, $1.00 per couple.

Feb. 19—Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Bussei League, Hompa Buddhist Temple, 2:00 p.m.

Oratorical Meet Set For the 19th

Orators from points throughout B. C. will complete for the Bishop's Challenge Cup at the All-Canada Oratorical contest, sponsored by the Bussei League at the Hompa Buddhist Church, Sunday, February 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Speakers from every Nisei organization have been invited to participate. The speeches will be twelve minutes long. Besides the Challenge Cup, there is the pennant, retainable by any group that wins the contest three times.

Personal awards will be made to the first three speakers. Judges for the contest will be the editors of the three Japanese newspapers, a member of the Japanese Consulate, and Bishop Aoki.

Entries must be in the hands of Mr. K. Tadakoro at 911 W. 70, by Feb. 10.

Okumura Elected Shiseikai Head

Fifty odd members of the Shiseikai gathered for a closing New Year and welcome party for Saihei Tanaka, recently returned from Japan at the Fuji.

Shigeharu Okumura, was elected president. Members of the new executive, chosen at the same time include, George Nagura, vice-president; Yoshiko Sugiyama, secretary and Lily Fukumura, treasurer.

The club also elected a capable board of councillors, composed of Lily Sato, M. Sasaki, Chiyo Kawaguchi, Misao Hatanaka, T. Uyesugi, Tomi Mizusawa, Hideo Oshimo, Takeo Maikawa, S. Okuno, Joe Akiyama, and K. Yanagizawa.

After the banquet, the members joined the Jikkyo Kai in an evening of dancing in the main ballroom.

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SUGA HEADS JIKKYOKAI TO DONATE CUP TO ORATORS

The Jikkyo Kai at its sixth annual general meeting re-elected Kaz Suga for the post of presidency by acclamation. Supported by an able executive composed of Walter Inouye, vice president, Hisako Toba, treasurer, and Fumiko Saito secretary, Kaz Suga started out his third consecutive term as prexy with an imposing program.

For their annual intramural oratorical contest between the graduate clubs of the local Language school, they are putting up a beautiful challenge cup. The contest is scheduled to take place in April.

Other members elected to the advisory council were, Mitsuo Fukunaga, Francis Takimoto, Yoshiko Hirota, Miyoko Ashizawa, Rose Sei, Kazuma Uyeno, Frank Miyazaki, Masao Matsui, Baron Wakabayashi and Mark Toyama.

After their business meeting they adjourned to regather at the Fuji for supper. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing with members of the Shiseikai in the Fuji ballroom.

An unexpected visitor was Minoru Taniguchi.

SYMPHONY HEAD J.C.C.L. SPEAKER

Mr. L. C. Thomas, president of the Vancouver Symphony Society, will address the Vancouver Chapter of the J.C.C.L. on Saturday, February 11th, at the Nippon Club. Mr. Thomas will explain the meaning of symphonic music, and the value of a symphony orchestra as a cultural asset to the community.

In making known his desire to address the Chapter, Mr. Thomas who is also manager of the Vancouver Lumber Company, stated that he wished to make clear that his talk was not in support of the drive for funds now being conducted by the Society.

"We feel," he said, "that you young people, born and educated here in Canada, are in reality Canadians, and as such should not be excluded from participation in the cultural affairs of the city.

"We would like to see you interested in music that is universal in appeal, and therefore extend to you a cordial invitation to become members of the Vancouver Symphony Society.

"There is no reason why at some time you should not have your own representative on the board of directors. Surely a sincere gesture of goodwill and friendship to fellow citizens is not inappropriate."

On the same evening two soloists from the Symphony Society will also take part in the program. It is hoped that some Nisei artists will also contribute to the evening's program.

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New Policy For Okayama Seinens

The Okayama Seinenkai held its first executive meeting of the year, Sunday, January 29 at the Tairiku Hall. Facing the problem of decreasing interest in the society on the part of members, the executive discussed various measures to meet the situation.

The president, Hideo Shigei, exclaimed, "This is a natural consequence of the Canadianization of the Nisei. We are no longer Okayama Kenjins. We are in a period of transition from Japanese to Canadians. Therefore the holding of meetings under the influence of the first generation is ridiculous.

CHANGE IN POLICY

"Our policy must be changed. The aim of the society must be merely to offer the young people opportunities to promote friendship, self-improvement and self-discipline to fit them for Canadian citizenship."

With this view in mind the following program was agreed upon.

1. To form a magazine exchange club.
2. To establish a library and an album for pictures of members.
3. To publish the "Kikanshi."
4. To hold speech practices, annual picnics, etc.

Headed by Hideo Shigei, the executive includes Jimmy Saisho, Kimiyo Hiraishi, vice-presidents; Noboru Takeda, Itsuko Igashira, secretaries; Toshie Hiraishi, Catherine Oako, treasurers; Takeo Kimura, chairman; Chizuko Kimura, Atsuko Nagata, Hideo Nishizaki, Masayuki Isoshima, social convenors; and Katsumasa Okazaki Takeo Nishizaki, auditors.

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THE SPORT CLOTHESLINE

By WASHY

Well folks, here I am in the role of a sports columnist, and here's hoping that you won't find this too boring. Although is long been my favourite dream to attach my name to a column such as the late O. O. McIntyre wrote, I guess I'll have to be satisfied with this sports column, to please the editor.

Without further salutations I shall dive right into the local sport activities and hope that I won't come to the surface with too much muck.

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This winter season's most popular sport has been for some unaccountable reason the well-known game of basketball. After a relapse of more than five years, Casaba tossing came into prominence again a couple of years ago, through the efforts of **My Akiyama** to popularize the sport to build up new players for his Intermediate team. For his dear sake, I hope a couple of Hank Luisettis just happen along.

MUCK

The League hasn't shown very much improvement in its standard of play in the past three years. The boys still insist on using soccer or lacrosse tactics, when the referee isn't watching—I bump you once now—and then you bump me harder. The idea of many players seems to be to get your man, and leave the ball alone.

Although the gym is small and bodily contact almost unavoidable, the unnecessary "shoving from behind," bumping and elbowing could be eliminated. For the good of the players, the fans, and the game itself, wouldn't it be a fine thing if both the "dirt" and bad language were eliminated?

Just a word in passing about **My Akiyama's** favourite **"Nippons."** The team itself is pretty good as teams usually are, but the way the boys like to pat themselves on the back and say, "Boy, we're good!" really gets in my hair.

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LILIES

I LIKE . . . The broad beam on **Ernie Arikado's** face when his team brings home the bacon. The good old "father" loves his boys as if they were his own sons. If his team should win the championship Ernie would be so elated that perhaps he might buy the fellas the smooth looking jackets that they're so intent on buying. . . . The cool manner in which **Shige Ashikawa** executes his spectacular and unbelievable shots. I also like the quality in him that so many players lack. He never squawks to the referee. . . . The hard working play of **Idee**—always on his toes and ready to pounce on the ball at any time. I'd say that he has improved the most of any player in the league. . . . The slick looking monogram decorating the M. & N. sweaters—an artistic piece of work, I'd say. I might mention here, that three lusty cheers are in order for **Mr. Nose**, for his sponsorship of the M. & N. team. . . . The nifty and natty looking shorts that **Shaw Mizuhara** sports around on the basketball floor. If the comical looking things were a few inches longer, I'd swear that they were a pair of his winter underwear. . . . The timed rebound jumps of **Kaide Shimizu**, who, though lacking in height, gets all the rebounds that come his way. . . . **Tong Kobayashi's** smooth and agile style of play. His presence on **Steveston's** team is indispensable.

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The **Badminton League** is almost over and to everyone's surprise, the **Fellowship Club** still remains on top. The pre-season dopesters had the up-and-coming **Gakuyukai** team to run away with the trophy, because of their fine showing towards the end of last year's league, but such is the way of all prophecies.

Had **Gakuyukai** the same team they had last year, Fellowship might not be in the top spot. Some of the League's finest players that swung the racquet for Gakuyukai last year seem to have lost interest. We hope next season will see the return of the prodigals.

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Badminton Badinage . . . After all's said and done, **Matt Matsui** is still the man to beat. Some of the younger blades argue that he isn't so "hot" and that he's weak on certain shots. They even say they could "take him easily." Well, I'm not arguing, but I'll take any bet that comes along. . . . **Michi Ashikawa**, the Fellowship's mouthpiece, commonly kown as Munchhausen, boasts of being invincible, as well he may, since he has yet to drop a League game. He ranks with Matsui in that respect. **Michi**, though seemingly easy going like his sharp-shooting brother **Shige**, works like a Trojan when it comes to Badminton. . . . The team of Callisto and **Maikawa**, though green yet in League matches, have given some of the best teams plenty of worries. If the team isn't one of the best men's doubles next season I'll eat my old bowler. . . . **Steveston** has proved rather disappointing this season—they haven't won a single game as yet. Their "alibi" for the losses has been every time, lack of practice. . . . **Shige Okumura** has been "slamming them in" in his usual powerful manner. He has the hardest smash in the League. . . . **Baron Wakabayashi**, his partner, also packs a wicked wallop, but isn't quite up to his usual self. I wonder what it is that's detracting his interest. . . . If I were a beauty contest judge, I guess the cup would go to pert **Lucy Koyanagi**. She wows the fans with her ducky shorts and "Hollywoodian" figure. (My apologies). . . . The Badminton players are indeed grateful to **Mr. Roy Shoji**, who donated a beautiful cup to the League through the J.C.C.L. Many thanks to **Mr. Shoji**.

BADMINTON STARS

Courtesy Minosam Photo

Lucy Koyanagi and Shigeharu Okumura, Gakuyukai mixed doubles team, the critic's choice for this year's championship honours.

FUJI SKIERS TO MEET ROKKA'S

TO BUILD NEW CABIN SOON

The Fuji Ski Club is not a "hickish" outfit as many think—so Secretary Bus Ohori would like us to know. It is not an independent organization, but has affiliations with the International Ski Association and the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. The recently published Canadian Ski Review carries a story of the activities of the Fuji Ski Club.

The past two week-ends saw the Cabin packed to capacity. The need for a larger bunkhouse was never so imperative. Then too, more than ever before, when the sport has taken hold of the girls, the need for a separate cabin is keenly felt.

As it is, the girls cannot make use of the cabin except to store their gear and to heat and cook their lunches. Perhaps during the summer months the boys will co-operate to a greater extent, so that another cabin will be ready before the next winter.

The Fuji Ski Club members are keenly anticipating the tournament with the Seattle Rokka Ski club in the near future.

HEARD ON GROUSE

Prexy Walter Wakabayashi would be a far better skier if he would only come up to ski more often. And the flashy clothes that he sports around don't seem to improve his skiing one bit. They scare even the squirrels away. . . . **Ty Sugimoto** ought to get down to some hard work and tackle a few difficult manoeuvers. . . . **Frank Hatanaka**, if only he could perfect his turns, would be a first class skier.

SEEN ON GROUSE

Freak Sawada, *the* "underweight" Nomad skimming along as smooth as silk. For all the sport activities that "Freak" takes on, it's a wonder that he doesn't lose his premature waistline. . . . *A stunning girl* skiing Sunday, January 22, and in between her skiing, cooked for the boys. Now don't swamp me with phone calls.

SEATTLE HOOPSTERS TO BATTLE LOCALS

Informal Dance to Follow Game

Officials of the Japanese Basket ball League have just announced one of the most important sport events of this year—the American invasion of the Seattle team of Johnson Drug Steamrollers who will take on the local All-Star Nippons at the Western Sport Centre on February 18th, Saturday night.

Players and their friends will dance to the music of Charlie Berettoni and his tune makers on the same floor following the game from 9 to 1.

This international encounter is scheduled to start at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for the game are set at 35c. But for those who wish to join in the dance after the main event, a special price has been offered. For $1.00 a couple, basketball fans can take in everything.

Tickets are on sale at Ernie's, Sumiyoshi, or may be obtained from members of the team.

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LAST SKATEFEST AT HAPPYLAND

Roll skating fans may indulge in their last antics of the season at the Hokutokai Valentine Party at the Happyland rollerskating rink on February 14th, Tuesday, from 8 to 11 p.m.

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Canadian Japanese Association Active

NISEIS URGED TO JOIN

"We are all old men, and in ten years time most of the first generation will be gone. The second generation should realize the importance of the work of the Canadian Japanese Association and should begin to take a more active part in it"—thus Mr. Y. Kawata, secretary of the organization, expressed his hope for greater co-operation on the part of the Nisei with the Japanese Association.

FEW NISEI MEMBERS

In an exclusive interview with the New Canadian, Mr. Kawata stressed the fact that very few Niseis were enrolled as members. He enumerated the outstanding activities of the organization.

It was through the efforts of the Canadian Japanese Association that the Japanese branch of the Welfare Federation was organized. In 1936, they carried out the now historic and monumental Second Generation Survey.

The organization is active in social work among the Japanese, looking after the burial of indigent Japanese who have no connections in Canada, providing work and clothing for deserving families and sponsoring any move that involves the Japanese as a whole.

They organized the Japanese for their part in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Last summer they undertook a census of all Japanese in Canada in an effort to disprove the wild accusations current that there were more Japanese than the actual number recorded by the census of 1931.

Now in concert with the Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer, they have began the work of organizing a branch body among the Japanese.

Mr. Kawata urges that Nisei organizations send representatives to the next annual general meeting to be held late in February and elect Niseis on the Board of Directors.

SCHOOL SHORTS

KING GEORGE

The Christmas exam results at King George have come out. Japanese students on the whole did well, but there wasn't anything much to crow over.

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Out of 500 pupils 18 are Japanese. The girls outnumber the boys two to one. A little too much competition—eh girls?

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Diminutive **Roy Yamashita** distinguished himself as the aggressive captain of the Bantam Rugby team at King George.

KING EDWARD HIGHLIGHTS

Our local teen age pianists, **Etsuko Nimi, Chizu Kurisu, Shirley Handa**, and numerous other music lovers, are to be found at the Sir Ernest MacMillan Club musicales which are put on every Friday in the school auditorium.

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The 1939 Annual is going into preparation and two enthusiasts were found at the assemblage **Miyo Ishiwata and Chizy Kurisu**—the petite charm of King Ed.

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The sports enthusiasts, **George Masuda, Hidekazu Nishikawa, and T. Fujita** are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Spring season, when they can once again take up the more active, out-door activities.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to three girls who made the Christmas Honour list **Masako Miyazaki, Midori Yoshida, and Fusako Inose.**

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Badminton and Ping Pong seem to be our favourite sports. **Yosy Yasui**, of the Mikado Yasuis, is one of our tournament players. He also stars on the rugby team, which has yet to lose a game to our hated rivals, Preview.

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The Music Club is hard at work on an operetta, "The Governor's Daughter," to be presented Feb. 23-24, at Kitsilano High School. **Fusako Inose, Marie Akiyama, and Kiro Miyazawa** are taking part.

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.....'s (censored) tongue is never still,
Talk it must, and talk it will.

High School Orators To Compete

J.S.C. GABFEST DATE SET

Youthful orators will again compete for the Nemichi Challenge Trophy in the second annual High School Oratorical Contest, Friday, March 3, in the Japanese Hall.

The contest, sponsored by the Japanese Students' Club, is open to all Japanese High School students in B. C. Speakers will have from ten to fifteen minutes to orate on any topic they choose.

Budding orators are urged to send their entries to Yoshio Hyodo, 6751 Victoria Drive, giving name, address, telephone, grade and school.

Japanese Music On Program

A program of Japanese folk dances and classical Japanese music played on the classical instruments of shakuhachi (flute), koto (harp), and shamsen (guitar) and others will presented at the Catholic Hall by the Chikuyukai on Sunday, February 5th at 2:00 p.m.

No admission is being taken and the society especially welcomes its Canadian friends.

MUSIC EXAM. RESULTS

Results of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations, held December 3, which have just been released, list three successful Nisei candidates. Grade III (transitional) harmony, pass with credit **Kazu Uchida**. Grade I (primary) harmony, pass **Hiroko Shimada** and **Lily Uyeda**.

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NIGHT FROST

Clear glass
by thick frost
furred white . . .
And once again
It is night!

Flakes that pass,
they are wasted;
thinned,
where the glass
has tasted
the wind.

Look! the light!
white and cold
gold and blue
is night foretold
to you.

At a breath,
comes a fear . . .
Do you see
night and death?
Why, a tear!
Look at me!

—Miyo Ishiwata.

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Basketball Finals Almost Here

In the Junior section of the Basketball League all of the teams are in a position to get into the finals. No team is so far ahead or no team is so far behind, that anyone can make any predictions as to who will get the bye, or who will be out of the playoffs. Steveston, having more games to play than the rest, has the best chances to top the League.

The Senior League is a different story. Ernies and M. & N. are too strong for the rest of the teams and are too far ahead to be caught up with. M. & N. having scored the most points, has a very good chance of overtaking the leading Ernies, provided they win their remaining games.

The J.S.C. team having won only one game throughout the season so far has but little or no chances to make the playoff berth. Steveston, which has done surprisingly well for her first year at basketball, is now in a very favourable position to make the playoffs. At the rate Steveston is improving and steadily winning games after a rather wobbly start, Ernies and M. & N. had better watch out when the playoffs commence.

BASKETBALL STANDING

JUNIORS

	W	L	F	A
Marpole	6	4	196	176
Steveston	5	3	175	187
Beaver	5	4	187	174
Fairview	4	6	230	217
Nomads	3	6	146	183

SENIORS

	W	L	F	A
Ernie's	7	2	259	194
M. & N.	6	3	277	249
Steveston	5	4	273	253
Fairview	4	6	273	315
J. S. C.	1	8	211	253

"LOW COST PLAN IS SOLUTION"

POWELL STREET HOUSING SURVEY

"The only solution for poor housing conditions in the Powell street area is a low cost housing plan subsidized by the government", declares Kuno Hidaka, third year sociology student of the local University, who is at present conducting a survey of living conditions for the Vancouver Housing Association.

Mr. Hidaka suggested that the statistics for building construction in the city during the past ten years pointed out the need for a low rental plan, such as might be possible under the provisions of the National Housing Act.

Ashikawa Heads Big Ten Scorers

Shige Ashikawa seems to be in a class all by himself in the Japanese Basketball League. He is so far ahead that it is impossible for anyone to catch up to him. His average for the nine games played to date is 14.11 points per game.

T. Nakatsu of Steveston is second with a score of 80. His last game with Fairview which netted him 21 points, put him ahead of Joe Akiyama by 11 points. Akiyama with 69 points has a chance of overtaking Nakatsu if he regains his shooting eye which he seems to have lost during the last two games. The scores for the Big Ten are as follows:

	G.	Pts.
Ashikawa, M. & N.	9	127
Nakatsu, Stev.	9	80
Akiyama, Ernie	9	69
T. Shimizu, Fair.	10	66
Mitsui, Fair.	10	61
Suzuki, M. & N.	9	59
H. Nikaido, J. S. C.	9	56
F. Nishi, Stev.	9	44
Takeda, J. S. C.	9	44
Tobo, Ernie	9	44

Individual scores for the Juniors First Ten are:

	G.	Pts.
Fujioka, Marpole	10	70
Miike, Marpole	10	60
Hagane, Beaver	9	58
Onishi, Fairview	10	54
Naruse, Steveston	8	48
Suga, Nomads	9	45
Umakoshi, Beaver	9	47
Kato, Fairview	10	46
Fukumoto, Marpole	10	44
Kobayashi, Fairview	10	37

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